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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Roberts et al.

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For: A DEVICE FOR IMPEDING A ROUTE OF TRAVEL OF CRAWLING  
ARTHROPODS

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THIRD RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2002, please amend the above  
referenced application as follows:

TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1(Second Time Amended). A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of travel  
of crawling arthropods along a passageway, comprising:

a sheet having a sized portion: [configured to circumscribe a passageway along which  
arthropods crawl, a dimension of said sheet sized relative to said passageway , wherein the sheet  
is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by]

a utility wall plate abutting a wall and covering a passageway through the wall, wherein  
the sized portion of the sheet is adjacent to the utility wall plate to circumscribe the passageway ;  
and

an arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring [said] crawling  
arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway .

Claim 21(First Time Amended). A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of  
travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway in a wall, comprising in combination:

a sheet having a sized portion: